

IN THE MATTER OF the Public Order Emergency Commission
Established by the Order in Council 2022-392 under the *Inquiries Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. I-11
The Honourable Paul S. Rouleau, Commissioner

AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTIAN TANGUAY

I, the undersigned, Christian Tanguay of the City of Gatineau, Province of Quebec, hereby solemnly affirm the following:

1. I have been the deputy director general of the City of Gatineau (the **City**) since August 22, 2022. Within the scope of my role, I am aware of some facts that may be relevant to the Public Order Emergency Commission's mandate. Where I do not have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit, I am testifying on the basis of the information that I believe to be true.
2. Some of the protesters associated with "Les Farfadaas" stationed themselves in the Zibi site parking lot, in Old Hull, on or around January 29, 2022. As far as I know, the site is managed by Groupe Dubé. A number of protesters parked at the Zibi site and then walked to Ottawa to join the protests near Parliament.
3. I understand that the Gatineau Police Service (the **Service**) was monitoring the Zibi site while it was being occupied by protesters. Martin Dalpé, Chief of Staff for the Mayor of Gatineau, advised me that the mayor's office was receiving updates from the Service throughout the protests. I also understand that the Fire Department inspected the Zibi site on February 4 and 8, 2022, and that there was a follow-up on February 9, 2022, to verify if the requested changes were made.
4. I understand that Groupe Dubé filed for an injunction to remove the protesters from the Zibi site and that the City did not make this request.

5. The City received some complaints from residents concerning the occupation of the Zibi site. The complaints were about the site being used in a manner that did not comply with by-laws. No action was required by the City's by-law services as Groupe Dubé had already taken steps to obtain an injunction.

6. I understand that Les Farfadaas moved to the parking lot of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church after being removed from the Zibi site by the owner. They left the following day.

7. The City did not receive any complaints of violence or harassment in connection with the January and February 2022 protests.

8. The protests had no impact on the municipal services of the City with the exception of public safety services (police and fire). As far as I know, there were also no concerns regarding maintenance of emergency lanes within the City.

9. Traffic volume was higher than normal in the City, and there were some complaints about traffic congestion and resulting noise, which were generally worse on weekends and when the Alexandra and Macdonald-Cartier interprovincial bridges were closed. The traffic congestion and the noise affected the residents of the City.

10. There were also some complaints from restaurants regarding the impact on available downtown parking in the City. According to the complaints, some customers had to cancel their reservations owing to the lack of parking and the traffic congestion.

11. I was advised by Martin Dalpé that the federal government has made \$500,000 available to businesses in Gatineau that were affected by the January and February protests. The funds, up to \$10,000 per business, are administered by the Gatineau Chamber of Commerce.

12. The mayor's office had discussions about the protests with federal ministers Pablo Rodriguez and Marco Mendicino. A general offer of help was made, but the City never had to ask for help from the federal government. There were no discussions between the City and the provincial government concerning the management of the protests. The City, however, discussed with the provincial government the possibility of being reimbursed for policing costs, and talks are still ongoing.

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